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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: GOG CLARIFICATION ON PREMIER'S
STATEMENT

REF: A. ATHENS 7137; B. FBIS 011325Z OCT 74

1. PM'S OFFICE ISSUED RELEASE OCTOBER 1 CLARIFYING
CARAMANLIS' STATEMENT PREVIOUS DAY (ATHENS 7137).
RELEASE NOTED PRESS HAD WRONGLY INTERPRETED PM'S REMARKS.
CLARIFYING ANNOUNCEMENT AS REPORTED IN ANA BULLETIN
STRESSES THAT "PREMIER SAID THAT IT WAS UP TO THE
ARCHBISHOP TO DECIDE WHEN HE SHOULD RETURN TO CYPRUS.
SINCE, HOWEVER, HE IS FAR FROM THE ISLAND, MR. CLERIDES
IS MOST SUITABLE PERSON TO REPRESENT CYPRUS AND SPEAK
ON ITS BEHALF. IN VIEW OF THIS PM RECOMMENDED THAT ALL
CYPRIOTS SHOULD ASSIST THE TASK OF ACTING PRESIDENT
CLERIDES."

2. EMBASSY BELEIVES CARMANLIS FULLY UNDERSTANDS AND
IS CONVINCED OF NEED TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE SUPPORT TO
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CLERIDES. IN PRE-ELECTORAL PERIOD, HOWEVER, PRESSURES

FROM MAKARIOS AND HIS SUPPORTERS PROBABLY ACCOUNT FOR
SO-CALLED CLARIFICATION. IN ANY CASE PRESS FOCUSED
EXCLUSIVELY ON THRUST OF CARAMANLIS' COMMENT THAT
CLERIDES IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES IN INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING
CYPRUS, SPEAKING FOR IT AND REQUIRING SUPPORT OF ALL GREEK
ELEMENTS INVOLVED.
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